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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 11, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on August 11, 2006, Applicants submit the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.